

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Attorney of Record, Katharina W. Schuster, on December 1, 2009. See attached Interview Summary Form.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims (see amendment filed on 9/21/09):

In claim 24, line 9: replaced "fluid" with - - bone cement - - for clarity.

In claim 25, line 8: immediately after "tap" deleted ", wherein the fluid comprises a bone filler and a medicament" for clarity.

In claim 25, line 9: immediately after "bone" and before ";," inserted - - wherein the fluid comprises a bone filler and a medicament - - for clarity.

In claim 31, line 7: replaced "bone cement" with - - fluid - - for clarity.

In claim 34, line 8: replaced "fluid" with - - bone cement - - for clarity.

In claim 35, line 7: immediately after "tap" deleted ", wherein the fluid comprises a bone filler and a medicament" for clarity.

In claim 35, line 8: immediately after "bone" and before ";," inserted - - wherein the fluid comprises a bone filler and a medicament - - for clarity.

In claim 38, line 7: replaced "bone cement" with - - fluid - - for clarity.

In claim 40, line 12: immediately after "tap" deleted ", wherein the fluid" and inserted instead - - ; - - for clarity.

In claim 40 line 13: deleted "comprises a bone filler and a medicament;" for clarity.

In claim 40, line 17: immediately after "tap" and before "," inserted - - , wherein the fluid comprises a bone filler and a medicament - - to clarify Applicant's invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anu Ramana whose telephone number is (571) 272-4718. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Barrett can be reached at (571) 272-4746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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